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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/773,586	PENNELLA, ANDREW	
Examiner	Art Unit		
Jason Prone	3724		

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 06 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/06/04 & 1/24/05.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Species A in the reply filed on 25 April 2005 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 9-14 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 25 April 2005.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to because in Figure 2, the lower occurrence of item "40" (in-between "58" and "60") should be replaced with "42" as shown in Figure 3. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the examiner does not accept the changes, the

applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

4. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: On the very last line of page 3, item "16". Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the examiner does not accept the changes, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

5. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 6 line 13, the phrase "pivots ends 38,40" should be replaced with "pivot ends 44,50". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

8. In regards to claim 1, the phrase "the razor cartridge is selectively attached to the first link" is unclear. It is uncertain what structure allows the first link and the razor cartridge to be selectively attached. In order to be selectively attached, there must be an instance where the two are selectively not attached. Using Figures 2 and 3, it is uncertain how the first link and the razor cartridge could be selectively attached/unattached. Also, an additional structure/third party would have to be present to allow the selection function to take place.

9. In regards to claim 1, the phrase "shaving aid body is selectively attached to the second link" is unclear. It is uncertain what structure allows the second link and the shaving aid body to be selectively attached. In order to be selectively attached, there must be an instance where the two are selectively not attached. Using Figures 2 and 3, it is uncertain how the second link and the shaving aid body could be selectively attached/unattached. Also, an additional structure/third party would have to be present to allow the selection function to take place.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

10. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

11. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pennella et al. (2003/0200660)

The applied reference has a common inventor with the instant application.

Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

In regards to claim 1, Pennella et al. discloses the same invention including a razor assembly (10), a razor cartridge (12), a shaving aid body (14), handle (16), a linkage having at least one first link (234), at least one second link (232), and at least one pivot link (236), the razor cartridge is attached to the first link (see lines 13-15 of paragraph [0098]), the shaving body is attached to the second link (see lines 11-13 of paragraph [0098]), the first and second links are pivotally attached to the handle (see lines 3-5 of paragraph [0098]), and the pivot link is pivotally attached to the handle (240) and the first and second links (see Figs. 26 and 27) in such a manner that the razor cartridge and the shaving aid body are movable relative to the handle and movement of the cartridge or shaving aid body in a first direction causes the other of the cartridge or shaving aid body to move in an opposite second direction (see paragraph [0099]).

In regards to claims 2-6, Pennella et al. discloses the same invention including the first link comprises a pivot end (see Figs. 26 and 27), the second link comprises a pivot end (see Figs. 26 and 27), the pivot ends are pivotally attached to the handle (via 240) and are pivotal about a first axis (see Figs. 26 and 27), the pivot link is pivotable about a second axis that is parallel to the first axis (240), the pivot arm comprises at

least one first-link arm (inner bar relative to 240) and at least one second-link arm (outer bar relative to 240), the first-link and second-link arms are on opposite sides of the second axis (236), and the linkage is indirectly connected to one or both of the razor cartridge and the shaving aid (see lines 11-15 of paragraph [0098]).

In regards to claim 7 and 8, Pennella et al. discloses the same invention including that the shaving aid body is erodable and has a contact surface (see lines 1-3 of paragraph [0054]), the linkage is actuatable to maintain a predetermined orientation between the contact surface and the razor cartridge (see lines 4-10 of paragraph [0012]), each razor blade has a cutting edge (31), and the linkage is operable to maintain the shaving plane approximately co-planar with the contact surface of the shaving aid body (see lines 16-20 of paragraph [0056]).

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Pennella ('254).
13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Prone whose telephone number is 571-272-4513. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00, Mon - (every other) Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on 571-272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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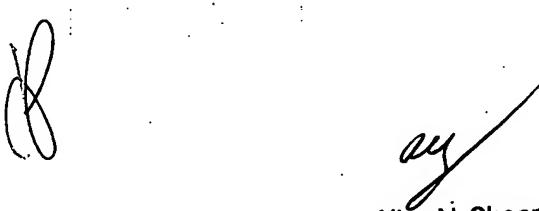
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